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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residences, post office addresses, and citizenship, are as stated on the following pages of this document next to my names; and

I believe I am the original, first, and joint Inventor of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought under and in accordance with applicable statutes of the United States of America (Title 35, United States Code) on the invention entitled:



### IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAILER BRAKING SYSTEMS

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed December 26, 2001, Application Serial No. 10/025,558 and was amended December 26, 2001 [if applicable].

I further declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this Application, as required by statutes of the United States of America and Implementing rules (37 CFR §1/56(a)).

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I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this Application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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